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SRI D. DASARATHAN ;—" இம்மாதிரியான மாதர் க்ஷேமாபிவிருத்தி ஸ்தாபனங்கள் எல்லா ஜில்லாத் தலைநகரங்களிலும் அமைக்கப்படுவது நல்லது அல்லவா ? அப்படி அமைத்தால் அவ்விடங்களில் பொதுவாக ஏழைகளைச் சேர்ப்பது மிகவும் நல்லது என்று நான் கருதுகிறேன். அதற்கு ஆவனவற்றை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The extension of these organizations depends upon the annual allotment that this department receives from the Budget. The suggestion put forward by the hon. Member will be duly considered during every Budget."

SRI M. PALANIANDI ;—" மாதர் க்ஷேமாபிவிருத்தி ஸ்தாபனங்கள் நகரப்புறங்களில் இருந்துகொண்டு நல்ல வேலை செய்யாமல் இருப்பதால், கிராமங்களில் இருந்து கொண்டு சாதாரண ஏழை மக்களுக்கு வேலை செய்வதற்கு வேண்டிய காரியங்களைச் செய்யுமா ? இந்த ஸ்தாபனங்கள் என்ன செய்து கொண்டு இருக்கிறது என்பது கூடத் தெரியவில்லை. அதையும் சொல்லுவாரீகளா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The Service Home run by the Kasturba Trust at Gandhigram, Madurai, is one of the two institutions for which subsidies are granted by Government. There are sixty inmates in that institution. The subsidy is given at the rate of Rs. 30 . . . (Interruption.) (An hon. Member: ' What about rural parts? ') "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The question was more in the nature of an argument and my Hon. Colleague is asked to deal with arguments in the cover of supplementary questions. The question is in the nature of an argument that these women work only in the cities and do not go to the villages. In any new adventure one must start at some point. If they go to one village, other villagers complain. So they remain in the centre of the district and from there reach all villages as far as possible."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் மாதர் க்ஷேமாபிவிருத்தி ஸ்தாபனம் ஒன்று இருப்பதாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். தென்னாற்காட்டில் எந்த இடத்தில் அது இருக்கிறது ? அது செய்து வரும் வேலைகள் என்னென்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The name of the place is Manakkudi in South Arcot district."

Drought conditions in Malabar.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the last season and crop report relating to Malabar district was received by the Government;

(*b*) whether drought conditions prevail in Walluvanad taluk and portions of Ernad and Palghat taluks;

(*c*) if so, the extent of the area affected and the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation;

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(*d*) whether the revenue officials of Malabar district have received any representations from the agriculturists of Vengara amsam, Ernad taluk, that lands yielding 50,000 paras of paddy were affected by drought; and

(*e*) what relief was given to them?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The season and crop report is received every week and the last report received is for the week ending the 13th February 1954.

" (*b*) Drought conditions prevail in portions of Walluvanad, Ernad and Palghat taluks.

" (*c*) In Ernad taluk the second crop has been affected in different parts of the taluk. Full details of the total area affected and the extent of the damage caused are being gathered. In Walluvanad taluk, cases are few where the ryot has completely lost the crop on any one survey number. In Palghat taluk the crops on about 5,000 acres have been completely lost. The Government are awaiting a further report from the Collector regarding the need for the grant of remission of land revenue.

" (*d*) & (*e*) It is true that representations were received by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, and the Deputy Tahsildar, Tirurangady. The Government are awaiting a further report from the Collector regarding the need for the grant of remission."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I understand from the *Mail*, dated the 3rd February 1954, that due to crop failure in Tirunelveli district, the kist collection there has been suspended. As far as Malabar is concerned, I have already intimated to the Government the failure of crops in Walluvanad taluk and more than 1,000 applications for remission of land revenue had been sent to Government. Why should the Government order remission of land revenue in Tirunelveli and at the same time, not do anything with regard to Malabar regarding postponement of kist collection or remission of land revenue? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I am not prepared to build my proposition on the report of the *Mail*. As regards Malabar, as I said previously, as soon as the report is received from the Collector, the question of remission of land revenue will be considered. As for postponement of kist collections, the Collector has got full discretion to do whatever he likes under the circumstances."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that drought conditions have become a chronic malady of Malabar, what steps do this Government propose to take to relieve such a situation in Malabar? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, steps may be taken to store up the rain water as most of the rain water is not properly used, but falls on a narrow strip which goes into the Arabian Sea. It is a long-range question, Sir."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" According to the Board's Standing Orders, only if two crops fail, remission of land revenue could be given. Will the Government amend the Board's Standing Orders so that even if one corp fails, remission could be given? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That means amending all our budget off."

10-40 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The representations to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, were made with a view to see whether any help could be given for protecting the withering crops. The Government say that the report from the Collector has not been received. May I know whether anything was done by the Magistrate to protect the withering crops or whether the Government waited till the crops were affected so that revenue remission might be considered later? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I wonder how the Magistrate can protect the withering crops ! "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM ;—" திருநெல்வேலியில் கிஸ்தி வசூலை ஏற்கனவே நிறுத்தி வைத்திருப்பதாக மதராஸ் மெயில் ரிபோர்ட்டிலிருந்து தெரியவருகிறது. சர்க்கார் இந்த உத்தரவை ரத்து செய்யாமலிருப்பார்களா என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களைக் கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government are not aware of what took place at Tirunelveli. I do not know whether the Collector has issued any instructions. Of course, there is a report in *The Mail*. Unless it is verified, I cannot say anything definite."

Free pass to the members of the Transport Advisory Committee.

* 58 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the members of the Transport Advisory Committee have been provided with free pass to travel in the State buses;

(*b*) whether the passholders are permitted to travel in the State Transport buses to Tirupati and Pondicherry;

(*c*) what the other facilities extended to them are; and

(*d*) how many members of the Legislative Assembly are enjoying such facilities?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.